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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to an office action concerning the patent application identified above, mailed from the PTO on October 19, 2000. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 13-24 and 27 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1 and 25 as follows: